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COLORED WOMEN.

Interesting Proceedings of the National Association of Colored Women.

Refuse to Meet On World's Fair Grounds Because of Discrimination Against Colored People.

[Globe-Democrat, July 12.]

The executive committee of the National Association of Colored Women, which is to hold its fourth biennial convention here beginning to-day, met in business session yesterday morning at the Central Baptist church, Twenty-third and Morgan streets. Mrs. B. K. Bruce of Mississippi, chairman of the executive committee, presided and the following prominent officers present: National President Mrs. Josephine Yates of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Booker T. Washington, vice-president, Tuskegee, Ala.; Mrs. Libbie C. Anthony, treasurer, Jefferson City, Mo.; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Davis, national organizer, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Lucy B. Thurman, chairman ways and means committee, Jackson, Mich.; and Miss E. C. Carter, recording secretary, New Bedford, Mass.

The organizers and presidents of several of the states were also present and took part in the proceedings, which were devoted to the discussion of a possible revision of the constitution, departmental work, the basis of representation, and other matters that will affect the organization of the convention. During the noon recess, the officers and members of the committee were given a luncheon by the Harper married women's circle, under the direction of Mrs. Theodore Williams, Mrs. Jenkins, president of the circle, acted as hostess, and Mrs. William H. Carter welcomed the visitors. Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Bruce responding for the guests.

The formal welcoming of the delegates took place last night, when the large auditorium of Central Baptist church was filled by a crowd composed of delegates, local clubwomen and visitors. Mrs. M. L. Harrison, president of the city federation, which is composed of twenty-four colored women's clubs, conducted the ceremonies and delivered the address of welcome. Addresses were also delivered by Mrs. M. J. McLean, on behalf of the city clubs; Miss Lavania Carter, on behalf of the schools; and by Miss Arsanah Williams, on behalf of the fraternal societies. The programme was interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

ABANDON MEETING AT FAIR.

Mrs. Booker T. Washington Claims Colored Women Are Discriminated Against.

[Globe-Democrat, July 13.]

At the opening of the National Association of Colored Women yesterday morning Mrs. Booker T. Washington created a sensation by opposing the proposition to participate in the Colored women's day exercises at the World's fair to-day. Mrs. Washington was vehement in her stand, maintaining that the exposition directors had discriminated against Colored women in the matter of securing employment on the grounds and against the race in general. In support of her position she introduced a resolution to abandon the plan of holding Wednesday's session on the fair grounds. The St. Louis delegates tried hard to stem the tide of opposition, but the resolution was adopted by a large majority.

The session of the association was held at St. Paul's M. E. church, Leffingwell and Lawton avenues. Mrs. M. L. Harrison of St. Louis welcomed the delegates. The president, Mrs. J. Sibbie Yates, responded. She quoted census reports showing progress made by the Colored race. She declared that in forty years the Colored people had acquired 1,500,000 farms and homes valued at \$750,000,000; that their personal property was worth \$170,000,000 and their property \$40,000,000.

In support of Mrs. Washington's stand, Mrs. Hallie Q. Brown reported that she had sought employment on the fair grounds as a test of the report that Colored women were not wanted there, and had been refused.

COLORED WOMEN STAY AWAY FROM FAIR.

Give Out Official Statement Telling Why They Boycott the Exposition.

[Globe-Democrat, July 14.]

The National Association of Colored Women, who were to hold their annual

Paul's A. M. E. church, Leffingwell and Lawton avenues. This was done in pursuance of a resolution adopted Tuesday abandoning the plans of the local committee of arrangements for Colored women's day at the fair.

In order to prevent any misunderstanding of their position in the matter, the following statement was drafted by a committee, composed of Mrs. S. P. Vashon, Mrs. B. K. Bruce and Mrs. Williams and given out for publication.

"It having come to our knowledge that certain of our race have been refused refreshments and other privileges at the World's Fair accorded every other people, simply on the ground of color, the association, in convention assembled, passed a resolution to withdraw the decision to hold a session at the World's Fair grounds July 13, 1904."

The programme for the day as announced was carried out with a few exceptions. Mrs. Yates presided, and after the usual devotional exercises gave an hour to hearing reports from the state presidents. A feature of the morning session was the playing of "The Federation Waltz," a piano solo by the composer, Miss Mae Barrett, of St. Louis.

"The Moral Influence of the Study of the Natural Sciences" was the subject of an address by Mrs. S. P. Vashon, of St. Louis, superintendent of the department of mothers' clubs. Mrs. Lucy Thurman, of Michigan, superintendent of the W. C. T. U. work, made a brief report for her department, and Miss Hallie Q. Brown made a report of the work of organizing the department of professional women's clubs, of which she is superintendent.

Mrs. Yates announced the receipt of greetings from Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, honorary president of the association, who is in Berlin attending the international council of women, as the representative of the N. A. C. W.

Mrs. Ida Joyce Jackson, president of the Colorado state federation, made a talk on music, in which she denounced "rag time," "coon songs" and cake walks as disgraceful, vulgar and destructive of good taste and self respect in all Colored people, who indulged in or tolerated them. Mrs. Cornelia Bowen, of Waugh, Ala., gave a talk on social science, and Mrs. Alice D. Carey, of Atlanta, Ga., related a story of her 15 years' experience in prison work.

Rev. N. J. McCracken of Chicago, Rev. D. P. Roberts of St. Louis, Prof. W. W. Yates of Kansas City, Capt. Charleston H. Tandy, Rev. C. H. Brown and others were introduced to the convention and delivered short addresses. At 4 o'clock p. m. the convention adjourned and accepted the invitation to visit the St. Louis Colored Orphans' home, 4216A Natural Bridge road. This evening a reception will be given the delegates at Douglass hall by the city federation.

SESSION HELD AT NIGHT.

Mrs. Booker T. Washington, president of the Southern Federation of Colored Women, read a paper at the last night's meeting dealing with the subject: "Some Points for Club Women; or How to Systematize the Work of Mothers' Unions." Miss Anna H. Jones, of Kansas City, president of the Missouri federation, read a paper on the "Past and Future of the Colored Women of America."

A number of dramatic recitations by Miss Hallie Q. Brown of Wilberforce university were among the entertainment features, and the programme was interspersed with music by the choir of St. Paul's chapel and a solo by Miss Pearl Mitchell of Wilberforce.

SAYS NOT FAULT OF FAIR MANAGEMENT.

President Francis Writes Colored Women That No Race Discriminations Are Intended.

[Globe-Democrat, July 15.]

The third day of the Colored club busy one for the delegates. The revision of the constitution was taken up, and a number of technical changes makes all presidents of state federations vice-presidents of the national association. Miss Dora Johnson of Norwalk, O., was appointed official stenographer of the convention.

A motion that the election of officers, to be held this morning, be conducted in executive session, was voted down. The national treasurer, Mrs. Libbie C. Anthony of Jefferson City, Mo., made her biennial report, showing total receipts amounting to \$1,191.89; expenditures, \$722.61, and a balance in the treasury of \$459.28.

A press committee was appointed to consist of Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Mrs. Lillian T. Fox, special correspondent of the Indianapolis News, and Mrs. O. C. Queen of Hannibal, Mo.

Just before the adjournment for the noon recess Mrs. A. M. Curtis of Washington, D. C., the Colored woman rep-

resented that the World's Fair management had done all in its power to prevent race discriminations on the fair grounds, and that President Francis had, in several instances, when complaints had been made by Colored people, made a personal investigation, and caused the discriminations to be stopped. She also stated that the reports of discriminations practiced were greatly exaggerated, and assured the delegates that they would be treated in a civil and courteous manner.

PRESIDENT FRANCIS WRITES.

At the conclusion of her remarks Mrs. Curtis submitted a communication from President Francis, which stated that the World's Fair extended a cordial invitation to all people, without regard to race, and pledged the management to do all within its power to prevent race discriminations.

The afternoon session was devoted to the reading of reports from individual delegates. Mrs. Lillian Coleman of Milwaukee, Wis., read a paper on the "Reward of Industry." Mrs. L. C. Anthony delivered an address on "The Business Side of the N. A. C. W." and Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford, state president of Ohio, gave an exhibition of interpretative reading.

The evening session announced for yesterday was dispensed with, in order that the delegates might participate in the reception and banquet at Douglass hotel, given by the members of the city federation.

[The reception Thursday night was a grand success. Next week we will give full particulars of the entire week's work by that body of ladies.—Editor Palladium.]



HON. DAVID R. FRANCIS.
President Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

President Francis says the World's Fair extended a cordial invitation to all people, without regard to race, and pledged the management to do all within its power to prevent race discriminations.



HON. ISAAC STURGEON.
One of St. Louis' most honored citizens, 1410 East Grand avenue.

NOTED GUESTS HERE.

National Grand Princess of the order of S. M. T. and U. B. F. also the state grand secretary of Missouri and jurisdictions, is here.

Miss Martha Webster, of Louisville, Ky., National Grand Princess, is stopping at 2220 Walnut street. She is visiting friends and the World's fair, and the members of the order of U. B. F. and S. M. T. are making it pleasant for her. Miss Webster is a teacher in the public school in Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Arlivia Watson, grand secretary of the State Grand Temple of Missouri and its jurisdiction. Mrs. Watson is the ideal of the members of Missouri. She stands as one of the leaders in the state and National Grand Temple. She is stopping with Mrs. Carrie Stevenson, of 2121½ Walnut street. She will remain all summer.



Kent-Montgomery Wedding.

Mr. J. H. Kent, of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Estelle Montgomery, of Mount Bayou, Miss., were married, Tuesday, July 5, at the home of the bride's parents, in Mount Bayou. About two hundred friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. J. H. Bradford, after which

BILL SCOTT

Nominated for President. He Lands in the Belleville Jail.

We are very sorry, indeed, that a few would-be democrats have turned their coats and pop up as Liberty lovers, and they have nominated that old man for president of the United States. It is an insult to the Negro of the state of Illinois and of the United States by placing such an objectionable Negro at the head of such a movement. It is now time for the Negro papers to speak out, and show that Scott is put up for sale. God save us from them.

The last editor of the Palladium heard of Scott, he was in the Belleville jail, serving out \$99.80 of a fine and costs, imposed for running a disorderly house.

A Noted Negro Democrat.

We have always held to the idea that all supposed Negro democrats were of a very small calibre, but our talk with Mr. James A. Ross, of New York, an attorney-at-law, shows him to be above the so-called democrats of the west. We believe that Mr. Ross is sincere, and his convictions have been brought about from a sincere study of his race, and the shortcomings of our republican leaders. On seeing their shortcomings and his surrounding, led him to his political belief. We shall ever remember the hour of conversation with him in company with Capt. C. H. Tandy. We shall ever hold in remembrance Mr. Ross as a first class democratic gentleman of the state of New York.

Mr. George Taylor, of Iowa, is another gentleman whose political opinions have been formed from an honest conviction, and not for political gain. We shall have more to say about Mr. Taylor in the near future.

Notice.

Members of Onward Lodge, No. 17, A. F. & A. M., are requested to be present at the regular communication Monday evening, July 18th, at 8 o'clock. Business of importance.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN LEE, W. M.
JAS. W. GRANT, Secretary.

the bride and groom departed for St. Louis, accompanied as far as Memphis, Tenn., by about 25 very close friends and relatives. On arriving in St. Louis the couple were given a reception by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farly, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith and Mrs. Masonale, Mr. R. W. Kent, sisters and brothers of the groom. L. Overture Co. 9, U. B. K. of P., of which Mr. Kent is captain, made their appearance about 9:30, accompanied by about twenty-five ladies, who were well supplied with rice, who proceeded to make merry until 11 p. m., when all departed for their homes, after wishing them much joy. Miss Montgomery had been post-mistress at her home for the past two years, and is the daughter of Hon. and Mrs. J. T. Montgomery, who are known to be the wealthiest Colored family of Mississippi.

A reporter called to see Mrs. Kent about what disposition would be made of the TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR wedding gift given her by her father. She said that would be left in her husband's care, to be invested in city real estate.

Capt. Kent is a well-known business man of this city, coming to St. Louis about ten years ago. Is a self-made man, and is conducting one of the finest barber shops in the city, at 11



North Fourteenth street, for the accommodation of Colored people, and is paying taxes on ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS' worth of city property, and is a credit to any community.

The newly-wedded couple will reside at 2615 Lucas avenue, until about August 1, when they will move to their new home, 2607 Lawton avenue. The Palladium wishes them a long life and many happy days.

SMITH'S SPEECH.

Speech of Mr. W. L. Smith Before the Convention of the Liberty Party at Douglass Hall.

Delivered at Douglass hall, by W. L. Smith, during the session of the Liberty party's convention.

Mr. Chairman and Fellow Delegates of the Convention—The Greatest Problem that confronts the American Negro is his condition and its remedy.

The Negro's condition is a sorrowful one—poverty, ignorance and superstition. Nearly forty years have passed the Negro to vote for a drink of whisky, one cigar and wind. Simply rocking in the cradle of agitation and the result of which are lethargy and dormant slumber.

But now, the Negro has awakened, and while standing before the great mirror of time, he sees himself on the arms of the republican party, and knows that it is not the bosom of Abraham; he sees himself as an American citizen, deprived of many of the rights of citizenship; so to-day he has met in St. Louis in a great convention to counsel for his race great things, as did that council for the nation which met in Philadelphia to frame the constitution for the United States of America, this great government of ours.

He sees 60 per cent of his race in mental darkness and practically without care or cordial sympathy, and the remainder with all of its education, to date, and proved as a whole void of self respect, self-confidence and self-control.

The predominant race, so to speak, has organized themselves into 1,000 different orders, and each order into 1,000 different branches, and each branch has 1,000 members, and a friend leading admission to assist in blotting out the Negro's last hope of his financial and industrial equality. In the past forty years there have been 275,000 bills introduced in congress, and not a single bill contained a single clause that had been sustained that insure a Negro of his country justice.

"THE REMEDY."

The Liberty party is the only organization in existence that involves the principles, that will lift the Negro from his present state of poverty, ignorance and superstition, to that of the

purest type of an American citizen; so you see that the purpose for which we have met to-night, is one of an extraordinary occasion, and should involve the deepest interest of every man, woman and child of the race.

There are 2,000,000 offices in the United States, which are operated directly under the influence of political issue, and as the Negro race constitutes one-eighth of the population, he is entitled to one-eighth of the political offices, which is 250,000. This would pay into the Negro treasury \$1,308,000,000 annually, which would soon enable the race, with industry, to compete proportion with the competitive world, and there employment for the Negro will be found.

The Negro race is simply groping along through life, and nearly every door of industry is closed against him. He is forced on the background of racial hatred, where the antithetical germs destroy all hope of a prosperous life; and its destiny is "Death."

From the 2,500,000 votes cast in 1900, shows that we hold the balance of power in many a state, district, county, city and precinct, so you see if they will help us, we will still love them.

It does not require the eloquence of a Bruce, Douglass or Washington to make us understand this. It does not require the triumph of Cromwell, Caesar of Cicero to inspire us. Think intelligently, and proper action will follow.

He that is among you without faith, remember that the Negro is like a photographer's negative. It is not known just what it will be until an application of its chemical process.

W. L. SMITH.

At First Church.

Last Sunday night the First Baptist church was crowded to listen to a talk from Mrs. Booker T. Washington. After the chorus had sung several selections, Mrs. Washington was introduced and for over an hour she gave one of the best and most instructive talks that we have ever listened to from a woman. It was very instructive and logical. Would to Heaven all mothers, young wives, girls could have heard it. Mrs. Washington holds the audience spell-bound.

